



GLENDALE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

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RE: FCC PR Docket #92-235 - Replacement of part 90 by part 88 to revise the Private Land Mobile Radio Service and to modify the policies governing them.

The Cow Creek Valley, in Douglas County, is approximately ten miles long and one half mile wide, surrounded by mountains covered with extensive timber. Through the center of the valley runs Interstate-5. On the southern most end of the Cow Creek Valley, boarding Josephine County is the City of Glendale, and surrounding Rural District.

The Glendale Rural Fire District is part of the Douglas County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Jurisdiction and Consolidated Communications System. Douglas County Emergency Communications receives the 9-1-1 Emergency Calls for service in our Fire District and notifies our agency by radio pager. This is done from one of three (3) transmitter sites. These sites are now transmitting between 50 and 100 Watts of power. On occasions, due to the mountainous terrain some of our pagers fail to work. Glendale lies 45 miles south, via Interstate-5, of Roseburg which is the County Seat and the location of Douglas County Emergency Communications.

The proposed rule changes, that would limit maximum authorized effective radiated power with regards to antenna height above the average terrain, could result in Douglas County Emergency Communications having to reduce transmitter out-put power to 5 Watts at most of the radio sites.

The Glendale Rural Fire District is an all volunteer department, on a small tax base. It has taken a good many years of hard work to develop our current radio communications system. We are just now arriving at a point where communications is not one of our bigger problems.

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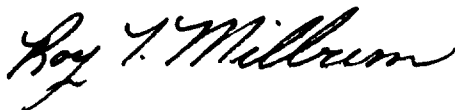
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If Douglas County Emergency Communications were required to reduce the out-put power on the transmitting site, which serves Southern Douglas County, to 5 Watts, they would no longer be able to talk to our agency. To develop our own communications would be very cost prohibitive and we would be forced out of business. The citizens of our Fire District would be left without fire protection. Most insurance companies will no longer cover homes without fire protection and if they do it is very costly.

We also serve a five mile section on Interstate-5, we responded to Motor Vehicle Accidents, Hazardous Materials Situations, and countless other calls along the highway. With the mountainous terrain, extensive timber and recent drought the Cow Creek Valley and all it's citizens, visitors, tourists and travelers alike could be in very serious danger.

The proposed rule changes would be devastating to Public Safety in our Rural area. The Glendale Rural Fire District is protesting these proposed rule changes and would like to see some exceptions in the rural areas in the Pacific Northwest as well as Rural America.

Yours in Public Safety,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roy T. Milburn".

Roy T. Milburn
Chief
Glendale Rural Fire District